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I think that Hawai'i should ban plastic bags because they are destroying our environment and even hurting our economy, which is why I support Bill 10. As a whole, the world uses about 500 billion plastic bags a year; that's one million plastic bags per minute. Plastic can take 45 to 1000 years to decompose at sea, and burning plastic could result in air pollution and toxic ash. Recycling plastic bags is an option, but it takes 250 bags to make one kilo of plastic, which puts a dent on our economy. Plastic is already made out of recycled material, making it harder to further recycle. In 2006, it took 331 million barrels of oil to make plastic and that number has most likely increased by now. We would reduce Hawai'i's over reliance on oil by banning plastic bags, and focus more on using renewable energy sources. Plastic bags could easily be replaced by paper bags or reusable bags, both of which are less harmful to the environment.

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